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ROMANS 3:26

GOD IS JUST

An Immutable Attribute of God is His Justice

- Context considers the maintaining of God's justice – **Romans 3:26**
- All God's attributes are united and cannot be separated.
- When His law is violated, His justice demands retribution – **Romans 1:18; 2:5-6; 5:9; 6:23; 8:2**

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Sinful Man is Helpless Before the Just God

- All have sinned and were/are without strength –
Romans 3:23; 5:6
- God demonstrated man's helplessness through the Law
– **Romans 3:19-20; 5:20**
- Man under the Law w/out Christ is wretched –
Romans 7:24; 8:2-3
- Atonement foreshadowed, but not obtained under the Law – **Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9-10**

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The Righteousness of God

- Gospel reveals the righteousness of God –
Romans 1:16-17
- What is the righteousness of God?
- Something of which the Jews were ignorant –
Romans 10:3 – to be submitted to.
- God's plan for man to be righteous/justified –
Romans 3:20-24 – distinct from system of Old Law.
- **Philippians 3:9** – righteousness from God.

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The Satisfaction of God's Judicial Wrath

- If God is just (must punish sin) how can man be justified (who has sinned)?
- Must be in accord w/ truth –
Exodus 34:5-7; Psalm 85:10
- Jesus' death satisfies God's wrath –
Romans 3:21-26 – *“justified,” “redemption,”
“propitiation,” “to demonstrate...His
righteousness,” “through faith”*

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The Justification of Sinful Man


- By faith, apart from deeds of Law – **Romans 3:27-28**
- A case study: Abraham – **Romans 4:1-4**
- Inspired exposition on justification by faith apart from deeds of Law – **Romans 4:5-8** – by works (perfection, no sin – boasting.), by faith (sins forgiven – no boasting).
- Sin not dismissed! – **Romans 3:24-25**
- Justification for all by faith – **Romans 4:16, 23-25; 5:1-2** – but what is the nature of this faith?

THE NATURE OF JUSTIFYING FAITH


Obedient Faith

- **Romans 4** – Not considering initial point of justification.
- Showing essential nature of faith in justification, **Genesis 15:6** is applied to various points in Abraham's life.

(v. 13)
Genesis 12:3



(vv. 17-22)
Genesis 17



(vv. 18, 22)
Genesis 15:1-6

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Obedient Faith

- **Romans 4** – Not considering justification by faith only.
- Faith in Romans –
Romans 1:5; 16:26 –
“obedience of faith” (NASB)

Genesis 12:1, 4
Hebrews 11:8



Genesis 22:2, 12
Hebrews 11:17
James 2:21-23



Genesis 12:8-9
Hebrews 11:9

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Justification by Faith

- Abraham – Romans 4:3, 5-6
 - *“faith is accounted for righteousness” (v. 5)*
 - *“for” – Eis – to or into – righteousness.*
 - Apart from works – (vv. 6-8)
- Romans – Romans 6:16-18
 - *“obedience leading to righteousness” (v. 16)*
 - *“to” – Eis – to or into – righteousness.*
 - Apart from works – (vv. 17-18)

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Justification by Faith

- Obeyed the *“form of doctrine”* – concerns the delivery from sin to righteousness – **Romans 6:16-18**
- What is that *“form of doctrine?”* – **Romans 6:3-7** – baptism.
 - Dead to sin, alive to righteousness.
 - Efficacy? – (**v. 3** – into His death) – **3:24-26**
 - *“propitiation by His blood, through faith”* = *“baptized into His death”*

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Justification by Faith

- **Romans 4:5** – *“faith is accounted for righteousness”*
 - **(vv. 6-8)** – sin is not accounted but forgiven.
 - *“for” – eis – to or into – “righteousness”*
(forgiveness of sins)
- **Acts 2:38** – *“baptized...for the remission of sins”*
 - **Romans 4:5** – *“accounted for righteousness”*
 - *“for” – eis – to or into – “remission of sins”*
(accounted righteousness)

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Justification by Faith

- Why is baptism effective in that way?
- Where one meets the blood of Jesus – **Acts 2:38;**
Matthew 26:28
- **Hebrews 9:14, 22; 10:22** – blood cleanses conscience, applied when washed w/ pure water.
 - **1 Peter 3:21** – not removal of filth, appeal for good conscience.
 - Faith in working of God – **Colossians 2:11-12**

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